

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For:	DEVICE FOR DYNAMICALLY STABILIZING BONES OR BONE FRAGMENTS, ESPECIALLY THORACIC VERTEBRAL BODIES		

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2007**

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office dated February 6, 2007, Applicants respectfully submits the following revisions and remarks:

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